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Reports from city of Panama—Mortality, month of March, 1904.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports through Surgeon Perry, April 9, as follows:

Mortality during the month of March, 1904, in Panama, from the official records.

Abscess	1	Malaria	4
Asphyxia	1	Nephritis	2
Beriberi	3	Parturition	2
Cancer	1	Pneumonia	21
Colic	5	Pain in the side	1
Cerebral fever	1	Phthisis	8
Croup	1	Suicide	1
Diarrhea	2	Stillborn	4
Dysentery	4	Scurvy	1
Dropsy	10	Strangulated hernia	1
Debility	2	Tuberculosis	3
Fever	11	Tetanus	1
Heart disease	1	Unknown	1
Hypertrophy of the heart	1	Ulcer	1
Liver disease	1	Wounds	1

Total number of deaths from all causes during the month, 97. Based upon the estimated population of 18,000, this gives an annual rate of 64.65 per thousand.

Inspection of vessels—Mortality, week ended April 10, 1904.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, April 11, as follows:

During the week ended April 10, 1904, one vessel, the steamer *Acapulco*, cleared for San Francisco on April 8, having on board officers and crew 72, cabin passengers 17, and steerage passengers 12; total 101; all well.

During the week there were only seven deaths from all causes, as follows: Tuberculosis 2, dysentery 1, beriberi 1, parturition 1, poverty 1, unknown 1.

No quarantinable diseases have been reported since January 14.

Report on proposed site for a quarantine station in Panama Bay.

Assistant Surgeon Peirce reports, April 12, as follows:

The four small islands in Panama Bay transferred to the United States Government by the terms of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty, known as Perico, Noas, Culebra, and Flamenco, are located about 2 miles from the city of Panama, almost due south from the peninsula upon which the city is built and southeast from La Boca, the present loading place for vessels and the mouth of the proposed canal.

These islands are owned by the Panama Railroad Company and the Pacific Mail Company, each having an undivided half interest. The Pacific Mail Company has a laundry, storehouse, repair shop, and coaling station on Noas. The other three islands are practically unoccupied.

All of these islands are very close to each other, are small and rough, there being no suitable space on any of them for the erection of a quarantine station. Their proximity to the city of Panama and the loading place for vessels would also make them undesirable as a quarantine site.

There is an island in Panama Bay called Taboguilla, about 9 miles